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SUBJ: MALAYSIAN VIEWS ON ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

REF: K.L. A-92, 7/18/74

1. SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO SENIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL, MALAYSIA HAS LIMITED EXPECTATIONS CONCERNING SIXTH CONFERENCE OF ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS WHICH WILL BE HELD IN JIDDA IN MID-JULY. GOM WILL SEEK TO STEER CLEAR OF ISSUES PERTAINING TO ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT, AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, ARABIAN PENINSULA DISPUTES AND PROBLEMS OF MUSLIM MINORITIES. REGARDING SOUTHERN PHILIPPINE PROBLEM, PRESENT MALAYSIAN EXPECTATION IS THAT GENERAL TERMS OF LAST YEAR'S RESOLUTION WILL BE ENDORSED, CONFIDENTIAL

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INDICATING THAT MOST ISLAMIC NATIONS WILL SETTLE FOR MINIMAL

PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN GETTING TALKS STARTED BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AND REBELS. ALSO, GOM BELIEVES THAT APPOINTMENT OF ISLAMIC SECRETARY-GENERAL AL-TOHAMY WILL NOT BE RENEWED. END SUMMARY.

2. ON JUNE 16, EMBOFFS CALLED CN MOHD. HASHIM BIN TAIB, FOREIGN MINISTRY PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR WEST ASIA WHO WILL BE ADVISER ON GOM DELEGATION TO JIDDA MEETING. FONMIN'S CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD JULY 12-15; SENIOR OFFICIALS WILL MEET IN PREPARATORY SESSION JULY 10-11. GOM DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY INFORMATION AND SPECIAL FUNCTIONS (FOREIGN AFFAIRS) MINISTER TENGKU AHMAD RITHAUDDEEN WHO CHAIRED STANDING COMMITTEE AT LAST YEAR'S MEETING (REF AIRGRAM). HASHIM INDICATED THAT GOM DOES NOT HAVE HIGH HOPES FOR MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS AT FONMIN'S CONFERENCE BUT WILL PROBABLY BUILD ON RESOLUTIONS AND AGREEMENTS ACHIEVED LAST YEAR. FOR EXAMPLE, HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT 1975 FONMIN'S CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS ON PALESTINE AND JERUSALEM WILL BREAK NEW GROUND BECAUSE ULTIMATE RESOLUTION OF ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT IS REALLY BEYOND GRASP OF ISLAMIC CONFERENCE. THEREFORE, ARAB NATIONS WILL PROBABLY NEGOTIATE TEXTS OF RESOLUTIONS AMONG THEMSELVES AND WITH PALESTINIANS; NON-MIDDLE EAST NATIONS ARE LIKELY TO STEER CLEAR OF ANY INVOLVEMENT.

3. BY SAME TOKEN, MALAYSIA WILL AVOID BECOMING INVOLVED IN AFRICAN AND ARABIAN PENINSULA DISPUTES. HASHIM SAID THAT HE FEARS SPANISH SAHARA AND ERITREA ISSUES WILL BE DRAGGED INTO CONFERENCE, CREATING SOME DISTURBANCES, BUT HE DID NOT SEE HOW ISLAMIC CONFERENCE COULD ASSIST IN RESOLVING THESE PROBLEMS. ALSO, IN ERITREAN CASE, THERE ARE CONFLICTS AMONG ARAB STATES SUPPORTING LIBERATION MOVEMENT. HASHIM ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MOROCCO'S SEEKING HEGEMONY OVER SPANISH SAHARA IS AT VARIANCE WITH PREVIOUS ISLAMIC FONMIN'S CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS UPHOLDING RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS LIBERATION GROUPS, THUS IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR CONFERENCE TO CONDEMN SPAIN AS MOROCCO MAY REQUEST. HE ALSO SAID THAT FONMIN'S CONFERENCE WOULD HAVE LITTLE TO SAY ABOUT BLACK AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS BECAUSE, EXCEPT IN NAMIBIA, INDEPENDENCE HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY ACHIEVED OR NATIVE POLITICAL GROUPS ARE FIGHTING AMONG THEMSELVES AS IN ANGOLA. CONFIDENTIAL

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4. ON SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES, HASHIM NOTED "SLIGHT PROGRESS" OF GOP IN DEALING WITH REBELS AND HE SAID THERE IS GENERAL REALIZATION IN ISLAMIC COMMUNITY THAT MORO NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (MNLF) IS NOT THE ONLY REBEL GROUP THAT GOP SHOULD DEAL WITH. MORE IMPORTANTLY, HA BELIEVES THAT PRINCIPLE OF MAINTAINING PHILIPPINE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY IS NOW ACCEPTED BY MOST ISLAMIC CONFERENCE MEMBERS, THEREFORE

UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT FOR MNLF GOAL OF INDEPENDENCE WILL NOT BE FORTHCOMING. CONSEQUENTLY, HE EXPECTS THAT FONMINS' CONFERENCE WILL ESSENTIALLY REAFFIRM 1974 RESOLUTION WHICH WAS CAREFULLY WORDED TO UPHOLD PHILIPPINE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND RECOGNIZES MNLF AS ONE AMONG SEG RAL MUSLIM GROUPS INVOLVED (K.L. 3024, 6/25/74).

5. FONMINS' CONSIDERATION OF OTHER MUSLIM MINORITY PROBLEMS, HASHIM CONTINUED, WILL BE LIMITED BY PREVIOUS DECISIONS UPHOLDING TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF STATES. THUS, SURFACING OF THAI MUSLIM, BALUCHI, KURDISH AND SIMILAR PROBLEMS WILL NOT PRODUCE ANY PARTICULAR RESULTS FAVORING THOSE MINORITIES. ON THAILAND, HASHIM NOTED THAT SITUATION IN FOUR SOUTHERN PROVINCES HAS BEEN QUIET RECENTLY AND THAT RTG'S FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE IN PROVIDING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO SOUTHERN MUSLIMS HAS BEEN VIEWED AS POSITIVE STEP BY ISLAMIC NATIONS. HASHIM AGREED NEVERTHELESS THAT MINORITY PROBLEMS COULD BE RAISED BY ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS WORLD MUSLIM LEAGUE AND THE CONFERENCE MAY HAVE TO HEAR OUT ALL PARTIES CONCERNED.

6. HASHIM SAID FUTURE OF ISLAMIC SECRETARY-GENERAL AL-TOHAMY IS IN DOUBT AND HIS TWO-YEAR APPOINTMENT, WHICH EXPIRES IN DECEMBER OF THIS YEAR, MAY NOT BE RENEWED. SAUDIS IN PARTICULAR HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO WORK WITH AL-TOHAMY AND HASHIM NOTED THERE IS CONSIDERABLE RESENTMENT OF AL-TOHAMY'S POLITICAL INITIATIVES (ESPECIALLY HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINE DISPUTE, ALTHOUGH HASHIM DID NOT SAY SO SPECIFICALLY). HASHIM ADDED THAT FONMINS' CONFERENCE MUST DECIDE WHETHER SECRETARY-GENERAL IS TO BE POLITICAL FIGURE OR SENIOR-LEVEL BUREAUCRAT "WHO CAN GET THINGS DONE."

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7. ON ECONOMIC SIDE, HASHIM NOTED THAT MEETING ON ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY FUND (ISF) IS BEING HELD IN JIDDA UNDER ISLAMIC SECRETARIAT AUSPICES. ISF, HE SAID, HAS RECEIVED ONLY ONE OR TWO DONATIONS IN ADDITION TO SAUDI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AND KUWAIT CONTRIBUTIONS PLEDGED LAST YEAR. AFRICAN NATIONS WANT ISF TO BE USED TO BUILD ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY IN AFRICA (POSSIBLY UGANDA OR NIGER), BUT ASIAN MUSLIM NATIONS AND SOME ARABS WOULD LIKE FUND TO BE USED FOR MORE BROADLY-GAUGED WELFARE, SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES. ALSO, ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK (IDB) HAS NOT GOTTEN OFF GROUND BECAUSE OPERATIONAL MODALITIES, INCLUDING IDEA OF HAVING TWO "OPERATIONS OFFICES" (IN KUALA LUMPUR AND AN AFRICAN NATION) IN ADDITION TO JIDDA HEADQUARTERS, HAS NOT BEEN RESOLVED. GOM, HASHIM SAID, HAS MADE ITS CONFIDENTIAL

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CONTRIBUTION (US20 MILLION DOLLARS) TO IDB, BUT ONLY AFTER DEDUCTING "EXPENSES" FOR HOSTING MEETING OF ECONOMIC EXPERTS LAST YEAR. IN ALL, HASHIM DID NOT SEEM TO HOLD OUT MUCH PROMISE FOR RAPID MOVEMENT OF ISLAMIC NATIONS ON ECONOMIC FRONT.

8. COMMENT: NKASHIM'S LUKEWARM APPROACH TO UPCOMING SESSION OF ISLAMIC FONMINS' CONFERENCE CONTRASTS WITH GOM'S "FULL STEAM AHEAD" ATTITUDE IN 1974 WHEN CONCLAVE WAS HELD IN KUALA LUMPUR. IT IS WORTH RECALLING THAT MALAYSIA'S MAJOR INITIATIVES LAST YEAR, PRINCIPALLY CONCERNING ECONOMIC COOPERATION, GENERALLY FELL FLAT; CONSEQUENTLY, GOM MAY BE VIEWING THIS YEAR'S SESSION IN A MORE PRAGMATIC LIGHT. WHILE MALAYSIANS WILL PROBABLY SHY AWAY FROM ISSUES THAT DO NOT IMMEDIATELY AFFECT THEM AS SUGGESTED BY HASHIM, GOM'S VOICE WILL ASSUREDLY BE HEARD ON SOUTHERN PHILIPPINE AND ASIAN MUSLIM MINORITY PROBLEMS.
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